

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 872

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor Judy Fox Jackson on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Judy Fox Jackson is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; she will be taking a much deserved retirement at the completion of the current school year; and

WHEREAS, a thirty-five year veteran of the classroom, Mrs. Jackson has worked with purpose and conviction at Liberty Elementary School for the past twenty-one years, teaching pre-school and first grade students; and

WHEREAS, hailing from a family of teachers who taught her early in life the value of education, Mrs. Jackson is highly sought after as a speaker and workshop presenter, and she has been a significant voice in curriculum, instruction, classroom management, and legislation related to education for the Franklin Special School District; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding lady also served as chair of the Franklin Special School District, as a member of its Textbook Adoption committee, and as the director of pre-school students, in addition to presently teaching first graders and mentoring student teachers; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson takes great personal gratification in transforming her first graders into fluent readers, and then later receiving invitations to their college graduations and weddings; and

WHEREAS, she modestly attributes her success as a teacher to her supportive family, the wonderful students and parents in the Franklin Special School District, and her colleagues who have preceded her and blessed her with their professional knowledge and expertise; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Mrs. Jackson has served as the Area VI director and forum chairman for Xi State, a delegate to the United States National Legislative Symposium of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, and the co-chair of the annual State Legislative Educational Forum of the Tennessee Education Association; and

WHEREAS, she has also been included in several *Who's Who* publications and received numerous "Teacher of the Year" awards from the Franklin Special School District; and

WHEREAS, Judy Fox Jackson received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), earned a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from MTSU, and completed thirty additional hours of graduate work at that same institution; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to help her students begin a lifetime of learning; and

WHEREAS, she truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Mrs. Jackson is most appreciative of the love and support she shares with her husband, Donny, their son, Eric; her daughter-in-law, April; her grandson, Ethan; her mother, Gertrude (Edgar) Fox, affectionately known as "Mama Gert"; her mother-in-law, "Mama Beck"; her sister, Bettye Sue; her brother-in-law, Richard; and her niece, Emily; and

WHEREAS, Judy Jackson truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized on the occasion of her retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and salute Judy Fox Jackson on the occasion of her retirement, commend her exceptional service to the students of the Franklin Special School District and Liberty Elementary School, recognize her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her much continued success and happiness during her retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.